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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000  
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000  
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between I French Corps and II French Corps: LAUTERBURG R3242 - MUGGENS TURM R4030 - SULZBACH R4623 - LAUTENBACH R4617 - ST. ANTON R4806 - SCHWARZENBERG R4800 - KLESTERREICHENBACH W4992 (all to I Fr Corps) - W4990 - FREUDENSTADT W5085 - HORB W7083 - ROTTENBURG W8787 (to both corps).

Boundary between VIII British Corps and XII British Corps: DAMME W3036 - LEMFORDE W4330 - WAGENFELD W5739 - STROHEN W6538 - W6734 - HOYSINGHESN W8037 - line of railroad to W9244 - LEESERINGEN W9645 - line of railroad to X0248 (all to XII Corps) - STEIMBLEE X1252 - X1853 - RJ X2460 (all to VIII Corps) - CR X3066 (to XII Corps) - HARTEM X3471 - OBER EINZINGEN X3976 - RJ X4279 - RJ X4483 - SUROIDE X5087 - X6088 - WULFSODE X6799 - BOCKUM S6502 - LUHMUHLEN S6416 - VIERHOFEN S6621 (all to VIII Corps) - RADBRUCH S7026 - WITTORF S7529 (both to XII Corps) - ST. DIONGS S7729 - ARTLENBURG S8334 (both to VIII Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (201200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps. 9th Colonial Division. Gained nine miles south on a seventeen-mile front supported by Combat Command "3" 1st French Armored Division. BIBERACH W2272, STEINACH W2467, ETTENHEIM-MUNSTER W1160, SCHWEIGHAUSEN W1758 and HERBOLZHEIM W0258 were captured. Front line change: V9858 - W0254 - W0358 - W0662 - W1160 - W1758 - W2467 - W2272. 4th French Mountain Division. (With 9th Zouaves, 126th Inf and 2d Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Combat Command "2" 1st French Armored Division operated in support of the division. Captured FREUDENSTADT W5085 and advanced up to eight miles south on a fourteen-mile front. Front line change: W2580 - W3178 - W3983 - W4184 - W4384 - W4781. 1st French Armored Division. Combat Command "3" supported the 9th Colonial Division, while Combat Command "2" operated in support of the 4th French Mountain Division on its left flank. An advance of twelve miles south on a ten-mile front was made. Advance units reached SCHRAMBG W4959 and DUNNINGEN W5757. On the left, units advanced up to three miles southeast on a five-mile front. Front line change: W4665 - W4971 - W5167 - W5467 - W5562 - W5665 - W5964 - W5968 - W6268 and W7073 - W7372 - W7775 - W7578.

II French Corps. 2d Moroccan Division. Followed behind the advance of the 5th French Armored Division. On the right flank, units of the division advanced one mile south on a thirteen-mile front and reached the line of the NECKAR River. Front line change: NECKAR River line W7884 to TUBINGEN W9792. 5th French Armored Division. Advanced up to ten miles east on a thirteen-mile front. Units reached GOMARINGEN X0084 and REUTLINGEN X0989 and captured the western portions of the towns. Front line change: X0084 - X0989 - X1097 - X0799 - S0900 - S1104 - S0205 - R9807 - R9409 - R9110 - R8611. 3d Algerian Division. (With 1st Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Units of the division attacked east astride the KARLSRUHE R4845 - STUTTGART S0520 autobahn against strong opposition and made an advance of seven miles on a thirteen-mile front. Front line change: R7814 - WEILDERSTADT R8317 - MALMSHEIM R8620 - RUTESHEIM R8924 - R8830 - NUSSDORF R8833. 14th French Armored Division. Assumed responsibility for security of communications in rear areas east of the RHINE River. The division closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of BRUCHSAL R6358.

SEVENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 36th Division. No change. 103d Division. 410th Infantry closed in the division assembly area in the vicinity of S2368.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Advanced up to seven miles south on an eleven-mile front. On the right, units captured ILSFELD S1051. Front line change: S1051 and S2047 - S2547 - SULZBACH S2946 - S3142 - S3435. 44th Division. Operated in rear

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of the 10th Armored Division and secured the bridges over the REMS River in the vicinity of LORCH S4323. The 324th Infantry assembled in the vicinity of S4444. Front line change: S4030 and S4735 - S4636 - S4742 - S4846. 10th Armored Division. Gained up to twenty-one miles south on a nine-mile front. LORCH S4323 was captured and bridges over the REMS River in that vicinity seized. A bridge over the FILS River in the vicinity of S3813 was captured intact. Front line change: S3615 - S3210 - KIRCHHEIM S2707 - S3607 - S4208 - S4508 - S4512 - S4619 - S4822 - S5024 - SCHWABISCH GMUND S5124 - S5324. 63d Division. Attached to XXI Corps. The 253d Infantry closed in the division zone. The division attacked south on a twelve-mile front and gained up to three miles. OTTERBACH S5361 was reached and fighting was in progress in the town. Front line change: S4958 - S5060 - S5360 - S5563 - S5763 - S5966 - S6167 - S6469.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. Advanced up to six miles south on a ten-mile front. Front line change: S6972 - S7769 - S8071 - S8466. 12th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" attacked south and advanced four miles on an eleven-mile front while Combat Command "B" attacked southwest from vicinity of ANSPACH T0681 and gained nine miles. Front line change: S8967 - S9467 and T2282 - T3180 - T3886. 101st Cavalry Group. Operated in the vicinity of T1271, between Combat Command "B" and Combat Command "A" 12th Armored Division.

XV Corps. 106th Cavalry Group. Operated in the vicinity of T4179 - T4478 - T5178. 42d Division. 232d Infantry continued fighting in the LORENZER WALD T4697. The remainder of the division captured SCHWEINAU T3997 and FURTH 03601. Front line change: T3897. 3d and 45th Divisions. Continued fighting in NURNBERG T4299 and mopping up in the vicinity of the town. 14th Armored Division. Captured BURGTHANN T6090 and entered NEUMARKT T7182. Front line change: T6090 and T7182.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. VIII British Corps. 5th Division. Assumed command of a zone on the right of the 15th Division and attacked east. An advance of seven miles on a twelve-mile front was made. Division reconnaissance units made contact with the 15th Division in the vicinity of S9822. Front line change: Y0697 - Y0799 - T0200 - T0401 - T0008 - S9811 - S9714. 15th Division. (With 6th Gds Tk Bde and 1st Commando Bde atched). Gained up to five miles east on the right flank after having met heavy opposition. On the left, an advance of five miles northwest was made. Front line change: T0022 - S9822 - S9727 - S9432 - S8733 and S8334 - S8035 - S7737. 11th Armored Division. Continued mopping up in FORST MUNSTER X6097. The 159th Brigade patrolled north to the ELBE River from the vicinity of WINSEN S6432. Contact was made with 7th Armored Division in the vicinity of S5834. The 1st Commando Brigade was relieved from attachment and attached to the 15th Division. Front line change: S5834.

XII British Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With 160th Bde atched). Gained up to three miles on a twelve-mile front. STELLE S5834 and WULMSTORF S3741 were occupied but BUXTEHUEDE S2943 was strongly held by the enemy. Front line change: S5834 - S5335 - S5137 - S4639 - S4439 - S3741. Guards Armored Division. 5th Guards Armored Brigade reached ZEVEN S0323 and contained the town while the 32d Guards Brigade advanced northwest on its left. Fighting continued in SCHEESSEL S1709. Front line change: ZEVEN S0323 - ELSDORF S0817 - HETZWEGE S1213 - S1304 - BOTHEL X1399. 53d Division. (Less 160th Bde). Advanced north and northwest and captured JEDDINGEN X1987. Front line change: X1992 - X1692 - X1594.

XXX Corps. 3d Division. (With 378th US Inf atched). Gained one mile north on a two-mile front. On the left, AHausein W7989 was captured. The 378th US Infantry (95th Div) was attached and closed in the vicinity of W7274. Front line change: W7989 and W6597 - W6396. 51st Division. Advanced up to four miles north on a four-mile front. Units of the division commenced to relieve units of the 3d Division. Front line change: W6295 - W6096 - W5997 - W5897 - W5594.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. Occupied the area south of S3583. Front line change: S3583. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Extended its bridgehead over the KUSTEN Canal to R1503. On the right, units advanced four miles on an eight-mile front. Front line change: W3285 - W2786 and R1503. 1st Polish Armored

Division. Captured PAPENBURG V7798 and reached V7695 and V7897. Front line change: V7695 - V7897 - V7798. 3d Canadian Division. Advanced northeast up to nine miles on a twelve-mile front. Front line change: Q4418 - Q3524 - Q3626 - Q3728 - Q3127 - Q3033 - Q3035 - Q2535.

I Canadian Corps. 1st Canadian Division. Captured NIJKERK Z4505 against light opposition and advanced west up to four miles on a seven-mile front. Front line change: Z4505 - Z4300 - E4196 - E4695 - E1791.

AIR. (20 Apr). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 831 bombers against marshalling yards and railroad facilities in 10 towns in Germany and 1 in Czechoslovakia. 803 aircraft dropped 1,953.7 tons of general purpose bombs on all first priority targets, 1 secondary priority target and 1 target of opportunity. 854 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber operation. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 570 bombers against targets in Germany. The Tactical Air Commands flew 1,526 fighter/fighter bomber sorties on escort missions and in tactical support of First and Third Armies. 3 bombers and 8 fighters were lost. Claims included 9 enemy aircraft, 378 motor transport, 59 locomotives, 19 marshaling yards and 473 railroad cars.

#### 4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Showers and scattered thunderstorms moving southward. Clouds: Scattered clouds in the south, becoming overcast from the north but becoming broken in the north during the afternoon and night. Visibility: 1 - 2 miles at dawn, becoming 3 - 4 miles by noon, except in showers where limited to 1- 2 miles. Wind: 8 mph, southwest. Temperatures at WIESBADEN: Maximum 55° F. Minimum 40° F.

#### 5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Enemy resistance was light to moderate on the army front. (Army Troops). 474th Infantry (non-div). No change. 70th Division and 16th Armored Division. No change.

III Corps. 86th Division. Correction to G-3 Periodic No. 319 should read closed in assembly area in the vicinity of WINDSHEIM N9404. 14th Cavalry Group. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of IPHOEHN N8225.

XX Corps. 80th Division. The 319th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of BAMBERG O2649, the 318th Infantry in the vicinity of PEULENDORF O3655 and the 317th Infantry in the vicinity of BURGELLERN O3759. 65th Division. Advanced southeast on a nine-mile front and gained up to ten miles. Strong resistance was encountered in the vicinity of NEUMARKT T7181. Front line change: NEUMARKT T7181 - PILSACH T7487 - T7989 - T8292 - T7696. 71st Division. Advanced southeast up to eight miles on a twelve-mile front. The 66th Infantry captured LUNGSBODR 07118 and VELDEN 07219. The 5th Infantry captured AUERBACH O8028. Front line change: T7014 - VELDEN 07219 - NEUHAUS 07521 - 07824 - 08120 - 08318 - 08619 - 08721 - 09222 - 08926. 3d Cavalry Group. The 43d Reconnaissance Squadron assembled in the vicinity of SCHONBERG O5905.

XII Corps. 26th Division. Advanced southeast on a fourteen-mile front and gained up to twelve miles. The 328th Infantry captured METZENHOF 09035, KEMMATH 09849 and PRESSATH P0238. The 101th Infantry captured ERBENDORF P0946. Front line change: METZENHOF 09035 - 09333 - 09834 - P0431 - PRESSATH P0238 - P0439 - ERBENDORF P0946. 90th Division. Advanced east up to eleven miles on a twenty-mile front. The 358th Infantry captured BRAND P1566 and SEUSSEN P1668. Front line change: FRIEDENFELS P1351 - FUCHSMUHL P1656 - P1760 - P1461 - BRAND P1566 - SEUSSEN P1668 - ARZBERG P1871 - P2073 - P1876 - SILBERBACH P1679 - SELB P1484. 2d Cavalry Group. The 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron advanced east up to four miles and reached the vicinity of P1889. Front line change: P1889.

VIII Corps. 6th Cavalry Group. The 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron advanced east on a five-mile front and gained up to four miles. Front line change: K1201 - K1204 - K1505 - K1806.

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FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 20th Armored Division. Assigned to the Third Army and then attached to the III Corps. Assembled in the vicinity of MAINBERNHEIM N7926. 78th Division (with 112th RCT atched) and 5th Division. Commanded being relieved by units of the 75th Division (Ninth Army).

V Corps. 69th Division. The 273d Infantry commenced to relieve Combat Command "A" of the 9th Armored Division. The 272d Infantry cleared the zone north of LEIPZIG E2314 and contacted units of the 104th Division (VII Corps) in the vicinity of E2423. 2d Division. The 9th Infantry passed to the operational control of the 9th Armored Division, closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of K1892 and commenced to relieve Combat Command "R" (9th Armd Div). The 23d Infantry and 38th Infantry Regiments regrouped and were enroute to assembly areas in rear of the 9th Armored Division.

VII Corps. 104th Division. Advanced east up to eight miles on a fourteen-mile front against light resistance except in BITTERFELD E1745 where strong resistance was met. The 414th Infantry captured ZSCHORTAU E2130 and DELITZSCH E1934. The 415th Infantry captured PAUPITZSCH E1940 and NIEMEGK E2044. Front line change: E2934 - E2635 - E2438 - PAUPITZSCH E1940 - NIEMEGK E2044 - E1845 - BITTERFELD E1745. 3d Armored Division. Heavy fighting continued in JESSNITZ E1552 and GREPPIN E1548. Combat Command "A" advanced north up to three miles on a three-mile front and entered the western and southern edges of DESSAU E1068 against strong resistance. Captured KL. KUHNAU E0669. Front line change: E1067 - E0968 - KL. KUHNAU E0669. 9th Division (with 4th Cav Gp atched) and 1st Division. All organized resistance in the HARZ Mountain pocket ceased. Both division continued mopping up scattered resistance.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 8th Division. Assumed responsibility for the 97th Division zone. 97th Division. Commenced movement from the First Army area at 210900B. 13th Armored Division. The division cleared the First Army area.

NINTH ARMY. XIX Corps. 330th Infantry. The regiment reverted to the control of the 83d Division and relieved the 320th Infantry (35th Div) in the ELBE River bridgehead. 83d Division. (With CCR 2d Armd Div, 320th Inf and 113th Cav Gp atched). The 320th Infantry prepared to rejoin the 35th Division. 2d Armored Division. (Less CCR). Combat Command "A" closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of BRAUNSCHWEIG X9010. 30th Division. Relieved the 2d Armored Division along the ELBE River. 8th Armored Division. Advanced south up to two miles and captured BLANKENBURG D2259. Units relieved the 330th Infantry (83d Div). The division continued to mop up scattered resistance. Front line change: BLANKENBURG D2259.

XIII Corps. 407th Infantry. The regiment continued to mop up the corps rear area. Destroyed three enemy tanks in the vicinity of Y0528. 102d Division. (Less 407th Inf). Correction to G-3 Periodic No. 319 should read one battalion 406th Infantry was attached to the XIII Corps. 84th Division. Advanced north up to eight miles on a nine-mile front against light resistance. Front line change: Y5797 - Y5598 - Y4599 - T4300. 5th Armored Division. Attacked north and gained up to seven miles on a six-mile front against light to moderate resistance. Front line change: Y2686 - Y1782. 29th Division. (Less 175th Inf). Advanced north-east through units of the VIII British Corps and gained up to twelve miles on a ten-mile front. The 175th Infantry was placed under XIII Corps control for operations only and assembled in the vicinity of Y4058. Front line change: Y0065 - X9970 - X9973 - X9776. 11th Cavalry Group. Continued to contain the enemy in FORST KLOTZE (vic Y3448). Destroyed three self-propelled guns, two half-tracks and several other enemy vehicles.

XVI Corps. 75th Division. Commenced taking over the area occupied by units of the 5th Division (First Army) and the 78th Division (First Army). The 289th Infantry was enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of A8000, and the 291st Infantry to an assembly area in the vicinity of B1000. 15th Cavalry Group. Units were in the vicinity of B7087.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 66th Division (with 422d and 423d RCTs atched) and 106th Division (less 422d and 423d RCTs). No change.

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XXIII Corps. Relieved the last units of the 70th Division (Third Army) in the new corps sector.

XXII Corps. 101st Airborne Division. Attached to the Sixth Army Group and continued movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of WORMS M4515. 28th Division. (Loss 112th RCT). Units commenced motor and rail movements to an assembly area in the vicinity of KAISERSLAUTERN R0294.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 202400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	72,217	293,900	36,406	9,631	412,154
Non-battle					308,895
				Total Casualties	721,049

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: XXI Corps ROTENBURG S7789; I French Corps FREUDENSTADT W5085; II French Corps WILDRAD R6017; 44th Division S4451; 100th Division S2056; 103d Division S2965; 2d Moroccan Division W6199; 3d Algerian Division R7233; 9th Colonial Division W1585; 14th French Division R1938; 12th Armored Division T0631; 1st French Armored Division FREUDENSTADT W5085; 5th French Armored Division W7793; 4th French Mountain Division FREUDENSTADT W5085.

21 Army Group: 21 Army Group Tac X4085; XII British Corps S4104; I Canadian Corps E7879; 5th Division X9597; 15th Division S8525; 52d Division K0083; 2d Canadian Division W2576; 7th Armored Division S4029; 5th Canadian Armored Division X3392; 1st Polish Armored Division V7377.

12th Army Group: 2d Division KOLLSDORF K4294; 26th Division KENNATH O9849; 65th Division ALTDORF T6293; 69th Division MAUNHOF E3808; 71st Division AUERRACH 08028; 80th Division SCHESZLITZ O3658; 86th Division WINDSHEIM N9404; 90th Division WUNSIEDEL P0568; 106th Division STROMBERG M0249; 2d Armored Division WOLFENBUTTEL X9100; 9th Armored Division LOESTADT K2992; 11th Armored Division GRAFENWOHR P0031; 20th Armored Division MAINBERNHEIM N7926.

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